CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2019-894 - amended

Sponsor: Council Member Priestly Jackson

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: TEU, R

Date of Analysis: December 10, 2019

Type of Action: Encouraging JEA Board to rescind Invitation to Negotiate

Bill Summary: The bill encourages JEA Board to take formal action at the next JEA Board meeting to rescind the Invitation to Negotiate, adopted by the JEA board at the July 23, 2019 Board meeting.

Background Information: One of the scenarios proposed during the July 23rd JEA Board meeting included inviting private companies to purchase the eighth largest municipally owned public utility, through a competitive solicitation known as an invitation to negotiate ("ITN"), however the July 23, 2019 agenda published in advance of the Board meeting only made reference to "Strategic Planning" with no additional information or explanation being provided as to the action being deliberated by the JEA Board. Additionally, timely notice to the Council Auditors was not provided as required by the JEA Charter.

At the conclusion of the Board meeting, the JEA Board authorized the CEO to issue an ITN and engage in the competitive solicitation process with specific parameters for the sale of the asset.

On October 21, 2019, Council President Scott Wilson established a series of fact finding workshops on the Future of JEA with all members of the City Council as participants to address the issues that were the subject of the July Board meeting.

The nature of the emergency is that the next JEA Board meeting is December 18, 2019 and the City Council is requesting action to rescind the Invitation to Negotiate at the December JEA Board meeting.

Policy Impact Area: Encouragement of JEA Board action

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact

Analyst: Distel